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I returned at 1130 from call on Colonel Monzon and Major Oliva, who, in Castillo Armas' continued absence, undertook to send out immediate cease-fire commission to try to end fighting between cadet group and Liberation Army (EMBTEL 137) which continues on local scale. With Castillo's consent given by telephone, commission was authorized inform cadets Liberation Army would be dissolved.

From Monzon, from two cadet spokesmen who sent message to me at Palace, and others present, I was told regular army and cadets were prepared support Junta loyally, but solidly demanded end to insults to army and disbanding of Liberation Army. They said there could not (repeat not) be two armies. Cadets also demanded that no (repeat no) reprisals be taken against those who participated in movement, but Castillo did not (repeat not) accept this and it was eliminated from offer being made to cadets. It may prove difficult point in negotiations.

I expect have further meeting with Junta after Castillo's return.

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